

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 and 17 are presently active in this case, Claims 7, 12-13 and 21 canceled by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-2 and 17 were allowed; Claims 7 and 12-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 6,306,776 B1 to Srinivasan et al. in view of U.S. 2002,0045361A1 to Cheung et al.

First, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner Patel for allowance of Claims 1-2 and 17.

With regard to Claims 7, 12-13 and 21, in order to expedite issuance of a patent in this case, Applicants have canceled Claim 7, 12-13 and 21, leaving only allowable claims pending.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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